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NOTICE TO JURORS AND OTHER VISITORS TO THE SAM M. GIBBONS US COURTHOUSE IN TAMPA ABOUT LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation has advised that the Ashley exit for the southbound lanes of Interstate 275 in Tampa will be closed for construction. Construction will begin after 10:00pm on Thursday, September 29, 2005. It is expected that the construction project may take up to four (4) months.

They are advising that for now the best way into downtown Tampa traveling southbound on I-275 will be to get off at the exit before Ashley, which is Jefferson Street (Exit 45a). Another alternative they are suggesting is to take a new ramp, accessible from Jefferson, to Doyle Carlton Drive. Turn left on Doyle Carlton, then go south. Or turn right on Doyle Carlton and loop back via Henderson Avenue and Tampa Street to Ashley. The detours will have signs and message boards.

The USDC-MDFL is providing revised driving instructions to jurors via AJIS (Advanced Jury Information System). Those driving instructions are as follows:

"Due to road construction taking place in downtown Tampa if coming from I-4 West to I-275 South or traveling Southbound on I-275, take Exit 45A South, which is the Jefferson Street exit. Turn right onto Tyler Street to Ashley Drive. Travel South on Ashley 3 blocks to Cass Street. Turn left on Cass Street. Go three blocks to Florida Avenue. The Federal Courthouse is located on the Southeast corner of Cass and Florida Avenue at 801 North Florida Avenue. From the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway, also known as the Crosstown Expressway, take Exit 8, Downtown East, Kennedy Boulevard. Travel West on Kennedy to Florida Avenue. Turn right onto Florida Avenue and proceed four blocks to Polk Street. The Federal Courthouse is located on the northeast corner of Polk and Florida Avenue at 801 North Florida Avenue."

You may also contact the Tampa Division directly for assistance.